LCO No. 3833

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) (a) For the school year 2 commencing July 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Department of 3 Public Health shall administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to 4 students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, provided the department 5 receives funding from the National Centers for Disease Control and 6 Prevention for such purpose. The survey shall be based on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the National Centers for Disease 8 Control and Prevention. The department shall provide guidelines to the 9 local or regional board of education regarding the administration of the 10 survey to those high schools selected at random by the National Centers 11 for Disease Control and Prevention. Such local or regional board of 12 education shall administer the survey to each high school selected to 13 participate in the survey in accordance with the guidelines provided by 14 the department, including, but not be limited to, (1) the survey protocol 15 as required by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 16 (2) the requirement to utilize passive parental consent before 17 administering the survey, (3) the requirement for the survey to be 18 anonymous and administered in a manner designed to protect student 19 privacy, (4) the timeframe for completion of the survey, and (5) the 20 process by which the results of such survey are to be submitted to the 21 department.

22 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of Mental 23 Health and Addiction Services, the Office of Early Childhood, the 24 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education and 25 any other agency or public interest group the department deems 26 necessary, may develop additional survey questions to be included as 27 part of the Connecticut School Health Survey that are relevant to the 28 health concerns of high school students in the state.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than October 1, 2022, the Child Advocate, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall develop and update, as necessary, questions designed to assess the risk of youths becoming victims of sexual assault or misconduct by an adult. Such questions shall be included as part of the Connecticut School Health Survey administered pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	New section

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